

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. SPU-99-6
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**ORDER CORRECTING CUSTOMER NOTICE AND APPROVING INTRALATA
DIALING PARITY PLAN**

(Issued June 22, 1999)

On April 22, 1999, South Central Communications, Inc. (South Central) filed a petition for Board approval of a plan for implementing intraLATA dialing parity. South Central generally proposes to allow customers to choose their intraLATA carrier prior to the implementation of intraLATA dialing parity and to assign customers who do not make an affirmative choice to their existing interLATA carrier for intraLATA service, as well. If the customer's interLATA carrier does not offer intraLATA service, the customer will be forced to use dial-around service until a preferred intraLATA carrier is selected.

South Central proposes to recover the cost of implementing intraLATA dialing parity through a new rate element, a surcharge to the originating Carrier Common Line rate on all intrastate access minutes charges as originating carrier common line minutes. The new rate element would be calculated to recover the estimated costs of implementation in three years; the element will be collected, however, until the

actual implementation costs have been recovered, at which time the rate element will be eliminated.

South Central provided a proposed customer notification form for direct mailing and asks that the Board approve the form. The proposed notice will inform customers that they have 120 days from the date of implementation (which is projected to be July 21, 1999) to designate a preferred intraLATA carrier without incurring a PIC charge.

On May 5, 1999, the Consumer Advocate Division, Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a Response To IntraLATA Dialing Parity Plan. Consumer Advocate states that it has no objection South Central's plan, but notes that the proposed customer notification letter states that customers will have 90 days to designate their intraLATA carrier without incurring a PIC change charge, while the plan provides customers will have 120 days. Consumer Advocate asks the Board to approve South Central's implementation plan upon correction of the date listed in the customer notification form.

The Board will approve South Central's plan for implementation of intraLATA dialing parity, contingent upon correction of the customer notification form to reflect a full 120-day waiver of the PIC change charge, as specified in the plan.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The "Petition Of South Central Communications, Inc., For Approval Of Its IntraLATA Dialing Parity Plan" filed on April 22, 1999, is approved, contingent upon correction of the customer notification letter to reflect a full 120 days of waiver of the PIC change charge, as specified in the plan.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of June, 1999.